Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities (Children's Buy-In)

The Medicaid Buy-In Program for Children with Disabilities (Children's Buy-In) is a Family Medical Assistance program that provides Medicaid benefits for children with disabilities whose adjusted family income is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

Eligible families receive Medicaid benefits for their child with a disability by paying a monthly premium on a sliding scale based on their adjusted income.

Who is eligible?

The Children's Buy-In is for children under age 19 who have a qualifying disability, and whose adjusted family income is at or below 300% of the Federal Poverty Level (FPL).

What is a qualifying disability?

A qualifying disability is determined using the Social Security Administration (SSA) criteria.

There are two ways to determine disability for the Children's Buy-In program:

- A disability determination through the SSA; or
- If the child does not have a disability determination through the SSA, the disability determination will be made through the State Disability contractor using <u>SSA childhood listings</u>.

Detailed enrollment and eligibility information can be found in the Children's Buy-In FAQs on the Department Web site at Colorado.gov/hcpf/MedicaidBuyInPrograms

What are the benefits for children enrolled in the program?

Children enrolled in the Medicaid Buy-In Program receive Regular Medicaid benefits.

What do the premiums for the Children's Buy-In program cost?

Premiums are based on adjusted monthly income on a sliding scale. The premium structure is as follows:

FPL	Monthly Premium
0-133%	\$0
134-185%	\$70
186-250%	\$90
251-300%	\$120

For information on how to estimate your monthly premium payment, please refer to the *Children's Buy-In Income Chart and Premium Guide* on the Children's Buy-In Web page: Colorado.gov/hcpf/MedicaidBuyInPrograms

Is this program currently available for enrollment?

Yes! The Children's Buy-In program launched on July 1, 2012

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